GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4594
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MINING AND QUARRYING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mining and quarrying sector has recorded a 3% growth in June this year over December, 2001;

(b) if so, the rate of growth in this sector during the current financial year so far;

(c) the details of targets fixed in this regard;

(d) whether there is any short fall;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(f) the details of exports of iron ore and other minerals during each of the last three years;

(g) the present status of major on going projects both in public and private sector;

(h) the time by which these are likely to be completed; and

(i) the details of Foreign Direct investment (FDI) proposals cleared/under consideration in Mining sector?

Answer

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a & b) :As per the information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office under the Department of Mines, mining and quarrying sector has recorded a growth of 3.74% in January, 2002 over December, 2001. Mining sector has also shown a positive growth of 1.6% during the first 11 months of the financial year 2001-2002 as compared to corresponding period of previous year.

(c,d & e): No target for the mining sector are fixed by the Central Government.

(f). The details of export of iron ore and all minerals during last three years are given in Annexure I.

(g & h): The status of on-going private projects and likely time for their completion is not centrally monitored by this Ministry.The information about major Public Sector Projects under the Department of Mines is given in Annexure-II

(i): The Government has so far approved 70 proposal offoreign direct investment in mining sector involving likely investment of Rs. 3963 crores.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4594 TO BE ANSWERED ON APRIL, 2002 ASKED BY S/SHRI Y.V. RAO AND SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE REGARDING MINING AND QUARRYING SECTOR.

EXPORT OF ORES & MINERALS FROM 1998-99 TO 2000-2001

(Quantity: in lakh tonnes) (Rs. in crores)

1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001

	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Iron Ore	222.74	1615.50	157.17	1175.32	201.62	1633.80
All Minerals	24621.75		32751.74		34410.54	

ANNEXURE-II

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MAJOR PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECTS UNDER THE DEPTT. OF MINES

Project under Implementation of National Aluminum Company

1. Expansion of Bauxite Mines Capacity of 24 lakhs tonnes per year (TPY) has been expanded to 48 lakhs TPY in December, 1999.

2. Expansion of Alumina refinery (1) Capacity of 8 lakhs TPY has been expanded to 10.50 lakhs TPY in December, 1999.

(2) The expansion of capacity from 10.50 lakhs TPY to 15.75 lakhs TPY has been completed in March, 2001.

3. Expansion of Aluminium Smelter Existing capacity of 2.30 lakhs TPY is being expanded to 3.45 lakhs TPY. The project is likely to be completed in November, 2002.

4. 7th Unit of Captive Power Plant Existing capacity of 720 MW is being expanded to 840 MW Project which is likely to be completed in September, 2002.

5. 8th Unit of Captive Power Plant Government has approved expansion of capacity from 840 MW to 960 MW in Feb., 2001. The project is to be completed within 48 months from the date of approval.